(d) whether there are any specific programmes where there is more percentage of Muslim population; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRAYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The duration is 11 hrs. and 30 mins. as of now.

(c) Heritage, Culture, Literature, Health Information and Education.

(d) and (e) This language channels has considerable Muslim participation while maintaining the actual character of Urdu as a modern Indian Language and not the language of any single community.

Number of Doordarshan Kendras and Air stations in Jharkhand

†938. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Number of Doordarshan Kendras and AIR stations is lesser in Jharkhand comparing to the number of these Kendras in other States;

(b) whether any proposal for setting up new Kendras and increasing the capacity of present Kendras in the State is under consideration; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINSITER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) The requirement of AIR Station and Doordarshan Kendras for various states are determined taking into account the demographic, social, linguistic and cultural diversities vis-a-vis the area of the state and the resources available. These requirement cannot be numerically compared. However, Jharkhand at present has 5 AIR stations and 2 Doordarshan Kendras covering the entire state.

(b) and (c) There is no scheme to set up any new Doordarshan Kendra in Jharkhand. But an additional Studio has been recently set up

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in Doordarshan Kendra, Ranchi. It is also planned to have 3 AIR FM stations at Gumla, Dumka & Dhanbad and replacement of one 6 KW FM transmitter at Ranchi by 19 KW FM transmitter, subject to approval and availability of funds.

Vulgar songs and obscene dances on TV

†939. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that vulgar songs and obscene dances are being telecasted in place of good music through various TV channels regularly by presenting private music albums;

(b) whether souch vulgar songs and obscene dances are badly affecting the Indian society and culture and also undermining the prestige of Indian women;

(c) whether there is no provision such as censorship for preventing the telecast of such vulgar and obscene scenes, songs and advertisements;

(d) whether Government have formulated any policy to prevent open display of such vulgarity;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) All broadcasters are required to abide by the Programme and Advertising Codes prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder. Whenever specific instances of violation of the Codes are brought to the notice of the Government, action is intiated, as per rules.

(b) No such study has been brought to the notice of the Government. However, there are provisions in the Programme and Advertising Codes referred to at (a) above to secure the Indian society and its culture as also the prestige of Indian women.

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